

Statement of
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Chairman Lungren, Ranking Member Brady, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before this Committee to review the funding appropriated to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the 112th Congress.

I would also like to thank Chairman Kline for his preparation of the Committee budget and his cooperation in transitioning to the 112th Congress. I appreciate that Chairman Kline has followed the Committee's tradition in allowing me total autonomy in budget development of the Minority share, and that the budget provides the Minority with one-third of the total funding and staff.

Additionally, I look forward to working with Chairman Kline wherever there are appropriate ways to achieve efficiencies in Committee operations.

Our Committee has jurisdiction over many timely issues of concern to the country and especially America's middle class families. The Committee had a very productive agenda in the 111th Congress, overseeing 14 pieces of legislation that became law and holding 81 hearings.

I expect that this Committee will continue to have an active agenda in the 112th Congress. Already we have had 7 hearings in the 13 legislative days since the Committee was organized for the 112th Congress. Major legislation within our jurisdiction has already seen floor action. And, as Chairman Kline has pointed out, we hope to work together on important reforms in areas like elementary and secondary education.

Our Committee is a busy one and will remain so, and the resources made available by our budget will be put to appropriate and efficient use.

Thank you very much and I am happy to answer any questions.